Number of workers in the various Factories.

322. *MR. K. G. GOVINDAN (*Pathanamthitta*): Will the Government be pleased to state the total number of workers in the various factories according to the Factory Act in the State?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: 23,441.

Factories and workers under various industries in the State.

323. *MR. K. G. GOVINDAN: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of cashewnut factories in the State;

(*b*) the total number of workers working in cashewnut factories;

(*c*) the number of salt factories in the State;

(*d*) the number of workers in the salt factories;

(*e*) the number of coir factories in the State; and

(*f*) the total number of workers working in the coir factories?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: (*a*) 42.

(*b*) 27,593.

(*c*) 19.

(*d*) Information is not available.

(*e*) 289.

(*f*) About 27,000.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: With reference to answer (*d*) may I know the reason for such a statement.

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: Salt factories are not included under the Factories Act. We have got figures for those which come under the Factories Act?

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know whether any cashewnut factory has been included under the Factories Act.

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: The question of bringing the cashewnut factories also under the Factories Act is under consideration.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know whether any attempt has been made by the Director of Industries?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: I am already making an investigation, Sir.

Cashewnut Factories in Quilon taluk.

324 *MR. K. G. GOVINDAN: Will the Government be pleased to state the number of cashewnut factories in Quilon taluk and the number of workers in those factories?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: 34 and 20,110, respectively.

Working of the Factory Act.

325. *MR. K. G. GOVINDAN: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of factories, as per the Factory Act, in the State where the number of labourers working or were working on any one day in the previous 12 months is 40 or less than 30; and

(*b*) the total number of labourers in (*a*)?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: (*a*) 61.

(*b*) 1,754.

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